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By: **Senator Blount**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - The Randolph A. Carr**  
3                                   **Educational, Training, and Empowerment Center**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of  
5 \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the  
6 Rehoboth Church of God in Christ Jesus Apostolic, Inc. for certain development  
7 or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds,  
8 subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund;  
9 prohibiting the use of the grant for sectarian religious purposes; and providing  
10 generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
14 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Baltimore  
15 City - The Randolph A. Carr Educational, Training, and Empowerment Center Loan  
16 of 1999 in the total principal amount of \$250,000. This loan shall be evidenced by the  
17 issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a  
18 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance  
19 with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and  
20 Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

21 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as  
22 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under  
23 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

24 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer  
25 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and  
26 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then  
27 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the  
28 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
29 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Rehoboth  
30 Church of God in Christ Jesus Apostolic, Inc. for the planning, design, repair,  
31 renovation, construction, reconstruction and capital equipping of the first three floors  
32 of a building located at 2922 Arunah Avenue in Baltimore which will house an after

1 school program, a GED Program, an HIV/AIDS education and counseling program, a  
2 job counseling and placement program, a parenting program, and a state of the art  
3 computer education and training lab.

4 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in  
5 rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, as and  
6 when due and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years  
7 after the date of issuance of the bonds.

8 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
9 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
10 matching fund of \$125,000. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided,  
11 either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
12 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind  
13 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any  
14 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify  
15 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the  
16 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2001, to present evidence  
17 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If  
18 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact to the State  
19 Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan shall be expended for the purposes provided in  
20 this Act.

21 (6) No portion of the proceeds of the loan or any of the matching funds may be  
22 used for the furtherance of sectarian religious instruction, or in connection with the  
23 design, acquisition, or construction of any building used or to be used as a place of  
24 sectarian religious worship or instruction, or in connection with any program or  
25 department of divinity for any religious denomination. Upon the request of the Board  
26 of Public Works, the grantee shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that none  
27 of the proceeds of the loan or any matching funds have been or are being used for a  
28 purpose prohibited by this Act.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 June 1, 1999.